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NATO TERROR IN VIENNA

Dec. 27 (IPS)-- The NATO terror operation launched against the ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was the most blatant evidence in recent weeks that the desperate Rockefeller financier faction is prepared to take any risk -- including that of nuclear war -- to prevent the establishment of the New World Economic Order.

Coming only days after the conclusion of the Dec. 16-18 Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC) held in Paris, the bloody attack on the OPEC meeting was aimed not only at pro-development forces in OPEC itself, but at the growing coalition of anti-Rockefeller forces in the developing sector, the socialist countries, and the industrial West. In addition, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's "Arab" terrorists in Vienna have set the stage for a NATO-launched war in the Middle East, an area which has become the foremost trigger for the immediate detonation of World War III.

In Paris, Kissinger had threatened both the Western countries and the developing sector with a choice between "order or conflict." The conflict, he warned would likely be nuclear.

Following the defeat of the Kissinger confrontation policy at the Paris conference -- which centered around efforts to split OPEC from the rest of the developing sector -- the Rockefeller Atlanticists immediately found themselves faced with the imminent collapse of their entire strategic position as significant capitalist factions moved to join with the Third World and the Soviet bloc in sweeping reforms of the world monetary system. In fact, the chief result of the Paris conference was the determination on the part of most parties present that the socialist countries must be included in any further negotiations.

The Vienna operation against OPEC should therefore be seen as the first implementation of Kissinger's Paris threats against those countries who are seeking to break with the U.S. dollar.

THE RAID

The raid began Sunday morning Dec. 21 when five terrorists walked unchallenged into the virtually unguarded Vienna OPEC headquarters in which the OPEC ministers were meeting. The terrorists were dressed in sports outfits and carried sporting equipment bags. So conspicuous were the five that one reporter present in the lobby joked, only minutes before the shooting started "Watch them pull machine guns out of their bags."

The modus operandi of the terrorists was remarkably similar to other raids by NATO-controlled zombies from such organizations

as Black September. IPS has determined that Black September is a creation of the National Security Council (NSC). This assessment has been subsequently backed by the information provided by former CIA agent Roy Frankhouser. The press reported that the leader of the terrorists was a well-known terrorist code-named Carlos, with reported links to other NSC-controlled terror operations including the Japanese Red Army and the Baader-Meinhoff Gang in West Germany. (See accompanying IPS reprint.)

There are indications that Kissinger played a direct role in the planning of the operation. Sources in the West German government told IPS this week that the West German police are investigating reports that the Vienna raid was planned in Nuremberg, West Germany last week. Henry Kissinger made a surprise "visit" to Nuremberg last week.

Having seized the hostages, the terrorists put forward robot-like demands designed to mimic the position of Iraq and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), denouncing the Egyptian-Israeli Sinai agreement, Iran and the U.S. Other aspects of their statement indicate that it is a Rand printout. According to their communique, the terrorists also declared that the oil boycott of 1973-74 had ended too soon, thereby giving support for a new Kissinger-ordered oil embargo. In addition, the alleged "leftists" stated their opposition to the Geneva conference as a forum for negotiating a settlement to the Middle East conflict. At this point only Kissinger and insane Israeli warhawks are against a Geneva conference.

With their hostages, the five terrorists demanded a plane and flew to Algeria, then to Libya, and finally back to Algiers after they refused a long-distance plane to fly them to Iraq. The remaining hostages were released and the terrorists taken into custody by the Algerian government after mediation efforts to defuse the crisis by Algerian officials including Foreign Minister Bouteflika. The Algerians reportedly grilled the terrorist in an effort to find out who ordered the attack.

TWO FOLD PURPOSE

The purpose of the terrorist attack was twofold.

First, the raid was meant to prevent the consolidation of pro-development OPEC forces under the leadership of Iraq and Algeria. Both governments had played a critical role in destroying the Kissinger "divide and conquer" strategy at Paris.

Second, the attack -- which was lyingly attributed by Western press conduits variously to Iraq, the pro-Iraq PFLP, the Algerians, and the USSR -- was further designed to discredit the Arab and Palestinian left and set up Iraq and Algeria for regional "little wars."

According to the best estimates of IPS Intelligence, just prior to the terrorist attack, the Iraqi delegation had secured a working majority of OPEC in favor of dumping both the worthless U.S. dollar and its "funny money" replacement, the S.D.R. (Special Drawing Rights of the International Monetary Fund.) This is the policy of the Iraqi government, stated most recently at a French-Arab oil conference in late November. Such a step would pave the way for the creation of a new non-dollar based international monetary system -- a move

which would bankrupt the dollar-based Rockefeller empire.

Contrary to the statement by leading Rockefeller servant Zaki Yamani, the Oil Minister of arch-reactionary Saudi Arabia, that "It's all of OPEC against Iraq," -- all of OPEC was falling in line behind the Iraqis and against U.S. controlled Saudis. The West German financial weekly Handelsblatt reported on Dec. 22, quoting Nigerian conference sources, that at least Algeria and Kuwait had agreed to support the Iraqi OPEC position. In addition, a source at the U.S. National Security Council told IPS that a great number of OPEC member states were opposed to the production-cuts policy pushed by the Saudis and were seeking some means of expanding production. Of OPEC member states, only Iraq has consistently increased production from month to month since 1973.

In the Middle East itself, Iraq and its allies are being set up for a RAND Corporation-designed "limited" Arab-Israeli war. The first phase is already underway with the Syrian invasion of Lebanon this week. The powerful and well-organized Lebanese left is the initial target of this war, designed to create the conditions under which NATO can expel the Soviet Union from the Middle East and establish a Pax Americana. The Syrian move into Lebanon, aimed at crushing the Communist and pro-Iraqi Lebanese left, was thus given a thin justification by the reported links between the Vienna terrorists and the PFLP and Iraq. The PFLP is the chief opposition to the CIA-linked wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization controlled by Yassir Arafat.

WORLD REACTION

World reaction to the terrorist attack was split. The pro-NATO press used the raid in an effort to whip up a "red scare" prominently featuring the scary details about Carlos' alleged connections to an international network of terrorists "backed by Moscow and Arab radicals." Significant OPEC, Third World, and socialist sources, meanwhile openly denounced the operation as being directed by the CIA and its allies.

The most remarkable reaction was from the leading Iranian daily, Etelaat, which is close to government circles in Teheran. Etelaat denounced the terrorists as controlled by "the CIA and other Western intelligence agencies," and predicted that the truth would soon come out that the CIA was responsible for the Vienna attack. In addition, several Kuwaiti newspapers reportedly ran similar commentary, according to a Dec. 23 Associated Press wire dispatch. Both the Iranians and the Kuwaitis are normally considered part of the pro-U.S. camp.

The Palestine Liberation Organization issued an official statement denying any connection to the attack and blaming "American imperialism" and Israel for launching the provocation. The PLO stated that the attack was meant to "undermine OPEC" and "sabotage the struggle of the Third World for social justice."

In addition, leading OPEC diplomats in embassies in half a dozen world capitals told IPS privately that they agreed with the analysis that Kissinger and the CIA were directly behind the attack.

The uniformly anti-Kissinger revulsion found by IPS reporters

signals that the Vienna operation has already massively backfired against Kissinger, moving even traditionally pro-U.S. regimes like Iran away from their previous position. The raid has therefore, actually strengthened the pro-Iraqi faction of OPEC, leaving Kissinger even more isolated than before.